Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harriet "Velma" Sunding was born on July 6, 1907, to Conrad and Myrtle Sunding at Highmore, South Dakota, one of five children; and,

Whereas, Velma married Gottleah Heckenlaible, Jr. on December 29, 1930, and to this union one son, Ronald, was born, and Ron and his wife, Betty, blessed their lives with five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Velma and Gottleah celebrated over 25 years of marriage and after Gottleah's death, Velma was fortunate to meet and marry Louis Tislau with whom she celebrated another 25 years of marriage before Louis passed away; and,

Whereas, One of Velma's childhood memories was taking a cup outside after a snowfall to collect some snow, sprinkle sugar and eat; in her younger years, she loved to fish, walk, read, and play bingo; and she continues to share her great sense of humor as she visits with family and friends; and,

Whereas, Velma now resides at the Highmore Health Center and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on July 7, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 6, 2007, as

VELMA HECKENLAIBLE TISLAU DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State